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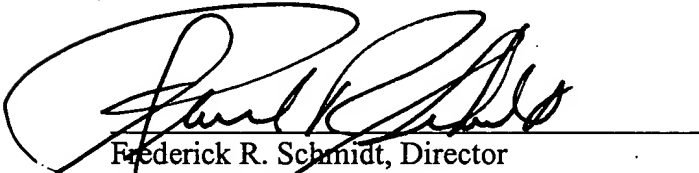
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This is a decision on petitioner's request filed Oct. 13, 2006 to review the holding of abandonment, mailed Oct. 11, 2006 for failure to respond to the Office action of Nov. 3, 2005.

A review of the file indicates that a request for a three-month extension of time and a notice of appeal were filed on May 3, 2006. The appeal brief with four-month extension was also timely filed on Nov. 3, 2006.

In view of the above, the Notice of Abandonment mailed Oct. 11, 2006 is in error and is hereby vacated. The holding of abandonment is withdrawn. This application is being forwarded to the examiner for appropriate action.

Summary: Holding of Abandonment Withdrawn.



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